

CUT OUT GAMBLER AND MOBILE MAN

These Among the Ends Sought by the International Cotton Conference.

CROP REPORTS DENOUNCED

Those of the Government Derisively Spoken of As "A Complicated System of Guessing."

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—After denouncing the government crop reports, and more particularly the reports of the Department of Agriculture, and passing a resolution advocating that the statistical cotton year should run from August 1st to August 1st, instead of from September 1st to September 1st, the International Cotton Conference adjourned today to reconvene next year, should it be deemed advisable by the various organizations to do so. It was found that the delegates were not clothed with sufficient authority to effect a permanent organization.

Differ As to Reports.

When the subject of governmental crop reports came up, President MacColl spoke in commendation of Census Bureau work, but felt that some radical changes in the methods of the Agricultural Department should be made. President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, also commended some of the features of the government reports, but numerous other delegates strongly condemned them. D. A. Tompkins, of North Carolina, characterized them as "a complicated system of guessing," while another Southern grower denounced them as "a speculative tool."

Various remedies were suggested, but no two delegates seemed to agree on a satisfactory plan. The whole subject was laid on the table.

President MacColl expressed the hope that hereafter there will be a closer bond of union between the North and the South and between America and Europe in all that pertains to cotton growing and manufacturing.

Marketing the Product.

Another topic of discussion was the marketing of the product, which embraced the questions of warehousing, stability of prices, and relations between growers and manufacturers. A. J. Calvin, president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, declared that it had long been the dream of the cotton grower to abolish all intermediate agents who levy toll unnecessarily on the product on its journey from the field to the factory. The grower, he said, is the consistent foe of all forms and methods of cotton marketing. The fluctuations of the market, he contended, are quite as disturbing and unprofitable to the grower as to the spinner. He voiced what he as to the unanimous opinion of the Southern growers to join in any movement to give reasonable stability to the market price of cotton.

He declared that the South was so completely able to supply the world with cotton that with a proper understanding of the manufacturing process there would be no necessity for conducting experiments in Africa and elsewhere. Direct relations between the growers and manufacturers was strongly urged.

President MacColl declared that the prosperity of the grower was a matter of interest to the manufacturer, who would like to be able to eliminate the speculative element. He insisted, however, if the plan of contracts would do anything toward eliminating speculation and also if, after storing the cotton in the warehouses, the produce for any reason went up, would the grower be willing to deliver it at the regular price they had fixed.

Several growers insisted that they would live up to their contracts, and Mr. MacColl had no doubt of it, but wanted to know what had been done after the contracts expired. He thought, though, that as in all probability the period of the contracts would be about a year, it would be sufficient to kill speculation in the meantime.

A Plan Proposed.

In the discussion which followed, the proposition was laid down by the spinners and manufacturers that the cotton farmers and business interests of the South will build warehouses, store cotton, finance it and put the product in charge of expert cotton men to handle it and practically be the medium of buying and selling between the manufacturer and producer, they will do business on that basis.

Mr. Jordan called upon his associates to get at the proposition on a business basis. He said they had now squarely before them the attitude of the spinners and manufacturers, and he advised the growers to go ahead and build warehouses, store their cotton and get rid of the cotton damage, and then to finance it on that basis.

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BRIEF ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE

NEW YORK.—The Equitable Life Assurance Society directors adopted bylaws giving additional powers to the president of the organization. The financial statement for the first quarter showed a saving in the cost of management.

ALBANY.—The New York Senate passed a bill giving the ballot to women taxpayers in third-class cities.

JERSEY CITY.—Forty fires in South Jersey threatened a public health with destruction, and thousands of patients were carried in carts from the houses into the fields.

PHILADELPHIA.—A panic which threatened a congregation of 1,400 in the Italian Church of Our Lady of Good Council was averted by the Rev. Daniel Scabellini, officiating at confirmation exercises, who struck the sanctuary doors, bringing the frightened gathering to its knees in prayer.

MILWAUKEE.—Imprisoned for a comparatively long time in a jail which was under the river, through a break in which water was pouring, John Sinter stood for two hours watching the water rise slowly until it threatened to engulf him. When at last he was rescued he was a maniac, his mind having given away from fear.

COLOGNE.—The Cologne Gazette to-day says that the American steel companies to cooperate in supplying the extraordinary demands for structural steel in rebuilding San Francisco.

OLEAN, N. Y.—Explosion of a nitrocellulose machine in a quart shop shook the houses within a radius of fifteen miles, on Oliver Run, and obliterated Charles Johnson, who was loading cotton when it exploded, to shooting a well.

THRENTON.—With the positive assertion that her own mother was the sender of the box of that cotton and sell it as the world needs it for consumption. He maintained that there was but one way to get the cooperation of the spinners on the proposition. The spinners were not going to commit themselves to it or break up their present system of buying cotton unless the farmers and business interests of the South provide better facilities for handling and marketing the crop upon a business basis. When that is done they would, he said, have direct trade with the spinner.

Baling, Ginning and Handling.

The report of the Committee on Baling, Ginning and Handling of American Cotton was received and adopted unanimously. The report recommended the following:

1. That all bales be made of standard dimensions.

2. That lightweight new burlaps be used for baling, or, if conditions justify, that cotton canvas be used.

3. That ten ties be used on all bales, with the Egyptian style of buckles preferred.

4. That all cotton should be bought and sold net weight.

5. That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to have cotton baled as above, and to submit the same for practical test to consumers.

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SEEKING ANNUAL WELFARE REFORMS

President Ogden Made An Address Before Twenty-five Hundred People.

SPECIAL FROM NEW YORK

Governor Beckham Addressed the Conference and Welcomed Them to Kentucky.

(By Associated Press.)

LEXINGTON, KY., May 2.—The seventh annual Southern Educational Conference began at the New Auditorium in Woodland Park to-night, with 2,500 persons in attendance. The address of welcome was made by Governor J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky, followed by Robert C. Ogden, of New York, president of the Southern Educational Conference. Governor Jos. W. Boik, of Missouri, then spoke. After exercises at the auditorium a reception was held at the Sayre Female Institute, 2,000 persons attending.

Following is the address of Mr. Ogden: "When the Conference came into being, it was a small group of men and women, brought together by a common purpose. During the succeeding years the situation has changed, but the purpose remains the same. It is to improve the educational conditions of the South, and to bring about a more intelligent and more progressive people."

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"FAKE" CLUBS FALL BY THE WAYSIDE

(Continued from First Page.)

former is on Adams Street, and the latter on South Second.

The cases set for hearing during the remainder of the week are:

To-day—West, National Athletic, Richmond, Lee, Capital City.

To-morrow—Sixth, Va., Richmond Locomotive Gymnasium and Social, Manhattan (Munn), Rudolph, Richmond Athletic.

Saturday—Jone Star, Independent, Uola, Jefferson (No. 29 North Seventh), West End Democratic, Lee, Monticello.

The fight is on in dead earnest, and Chief Werner and his men are battling hard to prevent what they term "fake" clubs from obtaining a renewal of their licenses.

Must Live Up to the Law.

Judge Witt's decision up to this point clearly indicates his policy, and it plainly is that clubs will not be granted licenses unless it is shown to the court that they are conducted according to the statute and come within the bona fide class.

Most of the clubs discontinued, however, are in the outlying districts, and many of them were reported by the police on various charges.

In the case of the Richmond Club, which comes up to-day, a bartender, charged with selling liquor without a license, was fined and sentenced to jail by Justice Critchfield, and an appeal was taken.

Mr. L. O. Wendenburg represents the club, and Mr. John Forge is president.

Another interesting case is that of the Manhattan Club, which comes up to-morrow. Similar charges have been lodged against one of the barkeepers, and the case comes up on appeal from the lower court.

The Manhattan is run by Mr. J. Munn, and will be represented by former Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richardson.

The club cases will consume the remainder of the week.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS

Miss Frank Nuckols and his daughter, Miss Cora, of Louisiana county, recently visited here.

Messrs. Robert Wright and John Homier, of St. Louis, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Felvey, of Twenty-third Street, on Tuesday.

Miss Editha Pearce has returned to her home in New Kent county, after a visit to friends in this city.

Mr. Richard Minson, of Twenty-first Street, was badly hurt this week while at work on the Locomotive Works. His foot was mangled by a heavy piece of iron falling on it. He is under treatment at the Virginia Hospital.

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